(c) if so, whether Government are considering to take any step to stop it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG-WAR): (a) to (d) Superior LDO is being marketed in various parts of the country by the Reliance Petroleum Limited. It is sold as Superior LDO and not as diesel. Public Sector Oil Companies are free to sell similar product in the market.

Supply of natural gas to APL

115. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to supply natural gas to Assam Petro-chemicals Limited (APL) at the same rate of Rs. 600.00 per 1000 Standard Cubic Meter (SCM) of gas, agreed to supply to Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) for Gas Cracker Unit of Assam; and

(b) whether the Oil India Limited (OIL) is instructed to sign such an agreement with APL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG-WAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.